Women empowerment in Rajasthan

2802. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the different schemes initiated by Government for upliftment and empowerment of rural women during the last three years in Rajasthan;

(b) the amount allocated for each scheme, each year;

(c) whether there is any criterion to specify the initiation of each of these schemes;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any evaluation has been undertaken to judge the impact/ outcome of these schemes; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No new scheme was initiated by Government for upliftment and empowerment of rural women during the last three years in Rajasthan. However, Department of Women and Child Development is implementing the schemes of Swayamsidha, Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP), Schemes of Rashtriya Mahila Kosh (RMK) etc. in Rajasthan.

(b) Details of amount released in Rajasthan during the last three years under these schemes are as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Swayamsidha	—	—	25.00
STEP	1.57	0.50	2.11
Schemes of RMK	27.50	73.50	96.50

(c) and (d) These schemes have been formulated by keeping in mind women development indices, need for the scheme, availability of funds etc.

(e) and (f) Evaluation of schemes of RMK did not bring out in shortcoming. The scheme of STEP is evaluated and corrective measures are taken to improve their impact. Swayamsidha is being evaluated.

IIT status of Malviya Engineering College

†2803. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Malaviya Engineering College has been accorded the status of I.I.T. and made a national institute;

(b) whether there is any justification for existence of M.N.I.I.T. after the opening of L.N. Mittal Institute of Information Technology at Jaipur; and

(c) whether the matter of according status of I.I.T. to this institute would be reconsidered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) malaviya Engineering College has not been accorded the status of IIT. However, the erstwhile Malaviya Regional College Jaipur has been taken over by the Central Government and has been made Malaviya National Institute of Technology in May, 2003.

(b) The Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur is contributing substantially to meet the country's growing requirements for trained technical manpower. Opening of L.N. Mittal Institute of Technology at Jaipur has nothing to do with the existence of Malaviya National Institute of Technology.

(c) No such proposal is presently under consideration.

Drop out in West Bengal

2804. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the average drop-out rate from primary school in West Bengal is much higher than the national rate;

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